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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its brutal aggression and its war crimes against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Since Tuesday, 5 February 2008, Israel, the occupying Power has killed at least 16 Palestinians, mainly in the occupied Gaza Strip. In addition, scores of civilians have also been injured by Israeli occupying forces, many of them seriously.

In the early hours of today, 7 February 2008, Israeli occupying forces, backed by war planes and armoured tanks, fired rockets onto a group of 70 students and employees at a school in the town of Beit Hanoun. This vicious attack killed a schoolteacher and several children were also injured, two of them seriously. Moreover, in the Jabaliya refugee camp, also in northern Gaza, Israeli occupying forces extrajudicially killed six Palestinians, including two brothers, by firing more than six rockets from a drone. It is important to highlight that these attacks and Israel's continuation of its illegal policy of extrajudicial executions come at the heels of the vicious killings of more than nine Palestinians by Israeli occupying forces over the past couple of days.

The deaths of Palestinian civilians have not been the only crimes committed against the Palestinian people by Israel, the occupying Power. In this regard, Israel, the occupying Power, has further tightened its strangulation of the civilian population in Gaza through the sealing of all border crossings, which has obstructed the delivery of the most human necessities, including food and medicine. Moreover, the occupying Power's cutting back of fuel and electricity to the 1.5 million civilians in the Gaza Strip was set to escalate today. Such illegal measures of collective punishment, which will institute rolling blackouts of up to eight hours a day in most areas of Gaza, will have a grave impact on the hospitals in Gaza, water-pumping stations, sewage-treatment facilities, and other civilian infrastructure that is essential for the well-being of the Gaza population. Moreover, this decision by the

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Israeli Government clearly violates yet another basic principle of international humanitarian law which prohibits the occupying Power from attacking or withholding objects that are essential to the survival of the civilian population.

Moreover, Israel, the occupying Power, also continues to make military incursions and carry out attacks against Palestinian civilians and their properties in the West Bank. Yesterday, 6 February 2008, Israeli occupying forces entered the West Bank cities and towns of Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, Qalqiliya and Hebron and illegally detained and arrested more than 10 Palestinians. They were then transferred to an undisclosed area. On the same day, Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian home belonging to the Al-Masri family in the Old City in Occupied East Jerusalem. As a result of Israel's illegal demolition, 30 people who lived in the demolished home have now been rendered homeless. Israel's use of house demolitions is a blatant violation of international law, and constitutes collective punishment against the Palestinian civilian population. Moreover, it can be perceived only as another means for Israel to further its expansionist objectives and continue with its illegal settlement campaign in Occupied East Jerusalem.

We continue to call on the international community to uphold international law and shoulder its responsibilities and compel Israel to scrupulously abide by its obligations under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, which is applicable to all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip, will only continue to reach more shocking and alarming levels if Israel continues with its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian civilian population. The international community must call on Israel to lift its condemnable siege of the Gaza Strip and to lift all closures and open all crossings to allow for humanitarian access to reach the Palestinian civilian population. Silence by the international community will result only in increased human suffering and rising causalities which will only further threaten the fragile peace process which was revived in November. It is our hope that the international community will take all measures to prevent such a catastrophe from occurring in this regard.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 307 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 21 January 2008 (A/ES-10/411–S/2008/35), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that at least 31 more Palestinian civilians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,954. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to this letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 7 February 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 22 January 2008, to Thursday, 7 February 2008)

Tuesday, 22 January 2008

1. Mahmoud Al-Ghandour

Wednesday, 23 January 2008

2. Yahya Suleiman Al-Bayyouk
3. Mahmoud Al-Qerm
4. Ismail Ahmad Al-Attar
5. Ahmad Abu Hantash

Friday, 25 January 2008

6. Raja Abdel Aal
7. Ibrahim Al-Absi
8. Sami Al-Hamayda
9. Mohammad Abu Harb
10. Mahmoud Awad (18 years of age)
11. Mohammad Fat'hi Sabarneh
12. Mahmoud Khalil Sabarneh

Monday, 28 January 2008

13. Qusai Al-Afandi (17 years of age)

Monday, 4 February 2008

14. Ammar Zakarneh
15. Ahmad Abu Zaid

Tuesday, 5 February 2008

16. Bakr Abu Rijal
17. Mahmoud Abu Taha
18. Ahmad Mosabah
19. Mo'ataz Abu Shahla
20. Mohammad Abu Saa'da
21. Osama Abu Saa'da
22. Raa'fat Qudaih
23. Abdel Nasser Abu Tair
24. Wafi Abu Youssef

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,954.

Thursday, 7 February 2008

25. Hani Na'eem
26. Mahmoud Al-Motawwaq
27. Sa'ed Nabhan
28. Jawdat Nabhan
29. Osama Assaf
30. Hammouda Al-Shorafa
31. Ahmad Abu Humaid

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It is with deepest regret that I inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, continues its deadly rampage in the Gaza Strip and that the Palestinian death toll continues to rise, with many innocent children and women among the dead and wounded.

What we are witnessing now is the horrific materialization of the repeated threats made by several Israeli officials, who have threatened to launch large-scale military attacks against the Palestinian people under their occupation in the Gaza Strip. In this regard, it must be brought to your attention that the Deputy Defense Minister of Israel, Matan Vilnai, has threatened to inflict a "holocaust" among the Palestinian people in Gaza. Such threats, combined with the actual killing of civilians and destruction being perpetrated by Israel, the occupying Power, must be viewed with the utmost seriousness, must be vehemently condemned and require immediate action by the international community, including the Security Council.

Civilians under foreign occupation are entitled to protection — of their person and of their dignity — under international humanitarian law. Moreover, it must be clearly and firmly reiterated that international humanitarian law absolutely prohibits reprisals against a civilian population. Real and immediate measures must be taken to avert the killing of even more innocent souls and avert the uncontrollable spiral of the situation to irreversible depths, wherein the vicious, depraved and deadly cycle of violence will consume everything in its path and extinguish all hopes.

In this regard, I must draw your attention to the fact that, today, Saturday, 1 March 2008, the Palestinian people in the northern Gaza Strip town of Jabaliya were awoken from their sleep by the terror of another Israeli military onslaught — a planned and deliberate attack against a heavily populated civilian area. The Israeli military attacks since the pre-dawn hours, mainly by missile strikes from warplanes and also by artillery attacks from ground forces, have thus far resulted in the killing of at least 50 Palestinians, bringing to 84 the total number of Palestinians killed

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since Wednesday. Initial reports indicate that at least five children, including a 2-day-old infant and three women, are among the dead, several of them members of the same family. This rising death toll, and particularly the deplorable killing of children, over 19 in the past few weeks, as well as women, elderly people, and other innocents, should be gravely alarming and disturbing to any with a conscience.

Further, today in the Gaza Strip, it is being reported that more than 150 Palestinians have been wounded by the Israeli occupying forces in this latest round of attacks. The hospitals in Gaza, which are already facing critical shortages of medical supplies and decaying equipment as a result of the ongoing Israeli siege of Gaza, are now exerting all efforts possible under such circumstances to treat those wounded in these attacks. Additionally, the Israeli occupying forces continue to target medical rescue teams and forbid ambulances to evacuate the wounded. Meanwhile, the rest of the population in the area, gripped by panic and fear and already suffering humanitarian hardship, is reported to be hiding in their homes, but even there they know they are not safe from the military strikes of the occupying Power.

Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable for all of these grave breaches of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Lack of accountability will only lead to the perpetration of even more war crimes with impunity, as evidenced by the tragic and violent events of today. Moreover, in this regard, it cannot be doubted that the further intensification of the cycle of violence is only deepening suffering, stoking anger and bitterness, heightening tensions and frustrations, fuelling extremism and drowning moderation.

The Palestinian leadership calls for an emergency meeting of the Security Council to address this dramatic deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. At this time of crisis, we reiterate our call upon the international community to uphold international law in all circumstances and the Security Council to uphold its Charter responsibilities and to undertake immediate measures to address this grave situation being faced by the Palestinian people. Continued silence and paralysis will surely bring only more death and destruction.

The international community must condemn the killing of civilians by Israel, the occupying Power, which is causing only more suffering and loss for the Palestinian people and taking us further away from the vision of peace we have been striving so desperately to realize, to no avail, as all efforts have been constantly undermined by such actions. Therefore, we call on the international community to shoulder its legal and moral obligation and provide the defenceless Palestinian civilians with urgently needed and effective protection. Additionally, an immediate ceasefire in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and tangible action are required to bring an end to the violence, the killing of civilians, the destruction and the obstruction of the provision of humanitarian assistance.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 309 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 28 February 2008 (A/ES-10/414-S/2008/149), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian

people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, 53 more Palestinians, including at least 5 children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 5,065. (As all the martyrs have not yet been identified, their names will be included in an annex to a future letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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The Palestinian death toll is mounting as a result of the indiscriminate and lethal military assaults being carried out by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian civilian population. Since the start of this month, at least 76 Palestinians, including 13 children, have been killed by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In deliberate and flagrant breach of article 33 of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilians in Time of War, Israel continues to collectively punish the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, including by means of military reprisals against persons and property and by acts of terror and intimidation. Such violence is deepening in the suffering of a population that is already under severe duress due to the crippling siege and humanitarian calamity imposed on them for many months now by the occupying Power. Moreover, the carnage and destruction are perpetuating a cycle of violence that threatens to completely destabilize the situation and derail the fragile peace process.

Yesterday, 27 February 2008, the Israeli occupying forces launched a targeted air missile strike in the Khan Younis area in southern Gaza, extrajudicially executing five Palestinian men. Earlier in the day, Israeli occupying forces also targeted and killed a Palestinian man in the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza. With such incessant fuelling of the cycle of violence, this attack was followed by retaliation from Gaza into southern Israel, killing an Israeli man.

Despite the strong reaction to this killing by the Palestinian Authority leadership and the reiteration of calls for a cessation of all violence on both sides to avert the dangerous spiralling of the situation on the ground, Israel persisted in its escalation of military assaults against the Gaza Strip, killing more Palestinians and further terrorizing the civilian population throughout the day. Among the Palestinians killed by the ongoing Israeli rampage were four children, including a five-month old baby, Mohammad Nasser Al-Bora'ei, and three young boys who

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were innocently playing outside together, Bilal Hijazi, age 10, Anas Al-Mana'ma, age 10, and Mohammad Khalil Hamada, age 11.

Moreover, the occupying Power, in addition to its other illegal practices, also committed several killings in the West Bank. In the city of Nablus, where the Palestinian Authority has been exerting serious efforts to promote law and order, Israeli undercover units raided the Balata refugee camp, killing three Palestinians in two separate incidents and arresting several others. Undoubtedly, such actions gravely undermine the strides made by Palestinian security forces to establish calm and security in the area and threaten the truce agreement reached there.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces continued their violent and illegal reprisal killings, launching a series of deadly air strikes via warplanes and helicopters against civilian areas in the Gaza Strip, killing at least 18 Palestinians. Several of those killed today were the targets of extrajudicial execution by the occupying Power. Five children were also killed in attacks today, including three children from the same family, Ali Dardonah, age 8, Deeb Dardonah, age 11, and Omar Dardonah, age 14, and another two boys, Mohammad Na'eem Hammouda, age 7, and Amjad Hafez Al-Sakani, age 12.

Yet, it must be cautioned that Israel, the occupying Power, did not begin this wave of bloodshed just yesterday. It has been an incessant, cruel and indiscriminate military campaign that has brought untold suffering and loss daily to the Palestinian people, particularly in the Gaza Strip. One tragic example of the devastation being wrought by the occupying Power is an attack that was launched nearly two weeks ago also in the Gaza Strip in Al-Bureij refugee camp, which resulted in the killing of a father, mother and three children in their home, which was completely destroyed, the killing of three other Palestinian civilians in neighbouring homes and the wounding of dozens more civilians, including several children.

The above-mentioned acts of lethal aggression by Israel, the occupying Power, are blatant violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law. Such wilful killing of civilians and wanton destruction of property also constitute war crimes.

Moreover, these unlawful actions are not actions that in any way whatsoever can promote calm and stability and serve the peace process. These illegal actions are inflammatory, provocative and dangerous and serve only to fully ignite the cycle of violence, death and destruction and undermine any progress made in the peace process. This is an indisputable fact. The peace process is not divorced from the situation on the ground. Just as positive developments and progress in the peace process can beneficially impact the situation on the ground, such negative developments and illegal actions very detrimentally impact not only the situation on the ground but the peace process itself. The continuation of this sick pattern and vicious cycle will only bring more suffering and loss for both the Palestinian and Israeli peoples and take us farther away from the realization of peace.

We are at a juncture where the international community is in clear concurrence about what is needed to advance the process towards the attainment of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace. Moreover, we are at a juncture where two high-level United Nations officials, including the United Nations Special Coordinator and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, Robert Serry, and the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator,

John Holmes, have just briefed the Security Council on the critical and absolutely untenable situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, with its grave consequences for the security, well-being and human dignity of Palestinian civilians, and have clearly stressed the urgency of bridging the huge gap between the situation on the ground and the peace process between the Palestinian and Israeli sides, including through a new and more positive strategy vis-à-vis the Gaza Strip by the concerned parties, in order to avert the fatal undermining of that process and the sabotaging of all hopes for peace. This requires immediate and real action by the international community.

The Security Council cannot continue to be sidelined and paralyzed as this crisis continues to unfold and escalate. It must uphold its Charter responsibilities and act to bring an end to this cycle of violence and counter-violence. It must demand respect for the sanctity of civilian life and demand utmost respect for the provisions of international humanitarian law that are supposed to provide innocent civilians with protection in situations of armed conflict, including situations of foreign occupation. The Security Council must be a player to help the parties concerned to develop and promote the new strategy that has been called for to resolve the current crisis, ameliorate the terrible situation on the ground and create a calmer, more positive environment for the advancement of peace negotiations in good faith.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 308 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 7 February 2008 (A/ES-10/412-S/2008/81), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 58 more Palestinian civilians, including 13 children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, causing the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to surpass 5,000 people, totalling now 5,012. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 28 February 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (from Saturday, 9 February 2008 to Thursday, 28 February 2008)

Saturday, 9 February 2008

1. Mohammad Motair

Sunday, 10 February 2008

2. Rami Abdel Rahman Kareem
3. Saleh Nabhan

Thursday, 14 February 2008

4. Tayseer Mohammad Abdel Qader Nazzal

Friday, 15 February 2008

5. Ayman Abu Fayed
6. Marwa Abu Zayed
7. Basma Ayman Abu Fayed (12)
8. Ayyoub Ayman Abu Fayed (5)
9. Ali Ayman Fayed (17)
10. Talal Salah Abu Awn
11. Attallah Al-Somairi

Saturday, 16 February 2008

12. Hani Shaheen

Monday, 18 February 2008

13. Ibrahim Saleh
14. Abdel Kareem Al-Ghalban
15. Nasser Abu Shabab
16. Abdel Salam Abu Susain
17. Alaa' Abu Haddaf

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 5,012.

Wednesday, 20 February 2008

18. Ismail Jadallah
19. Tamer Mohammad Abu Sha'ar (10)

Saturday, 23 February 2008

20. Bassam Al-Hazeen
21. Ayman Abu Sa'eed
22. Mohammad Talal Al-Za'anin
23. Ibrahim Abu Jarad
24. Mohammad Hassan Hossanain

Sunday, 24 February 2008

25. Midhat Aayesh Awad
26. Ibrahim Abu Jarad

Monday, 25 February 2008

27. Hassan Suleiman

Wednesday, 27 February 2008

28. Mohammad Nasser Al-Bora'ei (5 months)
29. Bilal Hijazi (11)
30. Anas Al-Mana'ma (10)
31. Mohammad Hamada (11)
32. Ibrahim Zaki Al-Massimi
33. Zaki Adnan Abu Zaid
34. Munawar Abu Mandeel
35. Omar Attiya Abu Akar
36. Aziz Jawdat Mas'oud
37. Hassan Nour Al-Mutawaq
38. Abdallah Mohammad Edwan
39. Mohammad Majdi Abu Al-Hossain
40. Hammad Masalha

Thursday, 28 February 2008

41. Deeb Dardonah (11)
42. Omar Dardonah (14)
43. Ali Dardonah (8)

44. Mohammad Na'eem Hammouda (7)
45. Amjad Hafez Al-Sakani (12)
46. Jawad Khamees Tafesh
47. Hamza Khalil Al-Hayya
48. Ahmad Saleem Al-Samary
49. Amjad Al-Amreeti
50. Maher Abu Al-Reesh
51. Ahmad Al-Nadi
52. Loai Fa'eq Qanaita
53. Ramez Nasser
54. Awad Al-Banna
55. Mohammad Abdallah Zowaidi
56. Tal'aat Saleh Al-Romailat
57. Mohammad Al-Helou
58. Rami Khalifa

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I regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you and the convening of the emergency meeting of the Security Council on Saturday, 1 March 2008, the Palestinian death toll has continued to rise as a result of the military onslaught unleashed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip.

Recovery efforts in the town of Jabaliya in the northern Gaza Strip have revealed that, on Saturday, 1 March 2008, alone a total of 70 Palestinians were killed by Israel, the occupying Power, including 16 children and 8 women, many of them members of the same families. Moreover, Israel continued its military attacks on Sunday and today killing another 17 Palestinians, including another six children and one woman. A shocking indication of the indiscriminate, excessive and lethal force being used by Israel against the Palestinian civilian population is the total number of children killed in just three days, 22 children, in addition to other innocent civilians killed by the occupying forces.

Among the innocent children killed by the Israeli occupying forces during the three-day Israeli military rampage were Abdallah Nabeel Abed Rabbou, age 4, Abdel Ra'ouf Abdel Kareem Odeh, age 10, Nirmeen Ra'ed Ali Abu Saif, age 12, Iyad Mohammed Abu Shibak, age 14, Jackleen Mohammad Abu Shibak, age 16, Mahmoud Bassam Obaid, age 15, Hassan Rashad Safi, age 16, Ghada Al-Abed Saleh, age 16, Waheed Saleh, age 16, Ahmad Al-Batsh, age 16, Samah Zidan Asaliyya, age 17, Na'el Zuhair Abu Awn, age 17, Abdel Raheem Ahmad Saleh, age 17, Sari Abu Obaid, age 18, Ahmad Abu Salama, age 16, and Mohammad Abu Hajar, age 17.

As we stated at the Security Council's emergency meeting and reiterate once more, and will continue to state: There is no justification whatsoever for the killing of innocent children and their mothers. We reiterate that when the slaughter of innocent children and women has become acceptable or is somehow justified under

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the pretext of promoting security or "counter-terror", we know for certain that we have sunken into the dark abyss, where there is a total absence of the law, absence of logic or reason, absence of morality, absence of conscience and absence of humanity.

International humanitarian law and human rights law were created for the purpose of protecting human life and dignity everywhere and preventing such reckless and condemnable abandon of morality and conscience. Regrettably, however, the occupying Power has never respected international law and continues to commit systematic violations and grave breaches of the law. The lethal military assaults carried out by the occupying forces by warplane and helicopter missile strikes and tank shelling and gunfire by troops on the ground have caused massive human carnage and widespread destruction of property in the area and the entire civilian population remains in a state of fear, panic and trauma. Emergency rescue personnel are still sifting through the rubble of destroyed homes, searching for bodies amid the charred flesh and scattered limbs left behind by the Israeli attacks. All of this is being endured by the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, in addition to their continuing imprisonment by the occupying Power, which continues its siege of the Territory and continues to obstruct the access of the people to vital humanitarian aid and supplies and necessary fuel.

The enormity of these crimes being committed by Israel against the Palestinian people cannot be denied, and the many short and long-term consequences on the ground are harrowing, as is the impact of these negative developments on the peace process. Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable for such grave breaches of the law and cannot continue to be allowed to act with such flagrant and vicious impunity. In this regard, we echo the call made by the Secretary-General before the Security Council on 1 March 2008 for incidents in which civilians have been killed or injured to be investigated and accountability to be ensured.

Moreover, we reiterate our call upon the international community, including the Security Council, to act immediately to help to bring about a cessation of all violence and hostilities and ensure respect for international law. The Council cannot continue to remain on the sidelines as the conflict escalates with the fierce refueling of the cycle of violence and the continued steep deterioration of the humanitarian situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Tangible measures must be taken to address this crisis and to avert its further dangerous decline; to aid the Palestinian civilian population, including by providing them with the necessary protection and assistance to help them cope with the humanitarian crisis they are facing; and to promote the calm needed to help the parties resume peace process negotiations towards ultimately ending this tragic and prolonged conflict that has destroyed and claimed far too many lives.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 310 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 1 March 2008 (A/ES-10/413-S/2008/144), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, 38 more Palestinians are reported to have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 5,103 people. (The names of the martyrs killed by the occupying Power from 29 February to 3 March 2008 are included in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (from Friday, 29 February 2008 to Monday, 3 March 2008)

Friday, 29 February 2008

1. Mohammad Shamiyya
2. Khalil Ahel
3. Alaa' Al-Bornou (17)
4. Fatma Al-Qar'aawi

Saturday, 1 March 2008

5. Jackleen Mohammad Abu Shibak (16)
6. Iyad Mohammad Abu Shibak (14)
7. Bassam Mohammad Obaid
8. Mahmoud Bassam Obaid (15)
9. Hamza Mohammad Al-Jamal
10. Hassan Rashad Safi (16)
11. Abdallah Abu Sho'aira
12. Mohammad Hani Al-Mabhouh (18)
13. Ghada Al-Abed Saleh (16)
14. Hamada Al-Abed Saleh
15. Mosleh Mohammad Mosleh
16. Mosleh Mohammad Abu Ali
17. Abdallah Nabeel Abed Rabbou (4)
18. Mostafa Sa'eed Abu Jalala
19. Mostafa Saleh Zaghloul
20. Abdel Rahman Mohammad Shihab
21. Iyad Abdel Kareem Al-Ashram
22. Abdel Hameed Hamed Hamada
23. Ibrahim Shaa'ban Al-Zain
24. Sa'eed Al-Hasheem
25. Ahmad Al-Batsh (16)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 5,103.

26. Mo'tasim Faraj Abed Rabbou
27. Thabet Fat'hi Junaid
28. Mahmoud Abdel Mo'ti Saleem
29. Hussain Sami Al-Batsh
30. Tal'aat Dardona
31. Samah Zidan Asaliyya (17)
32. Salwa Zidan Asaliyya
33. Mahmoud Faraj Asaliyya
34. Jihad Abu Haleel
35. Sa'ed Al-Dabbour
36. Abdel Ra'ouf Abdel Kareem Odeh (10)
37. Na'el Zuhair Abu Awn (17)
38. Yasser Ismail Abu Odeh
39. Hassan Kamal
40. Tamer Wishah
41. Mahmoud Monzer Rayyan
42. Ahmad Rayyan
43. Ali Jabr Al-Kitnani
44. Mahmoud Na'eem Al-Attar
45. Abdel Mo'ti Saa'd Ahad
46. Abdel Rahman Attallah
47. So'ad Attallah
48. Khaled Abdel Rahman Attallah
49. Ibrahim Abdel Rahman Attallah
50. Rajaa' Abdel Rahman Attallah
51. Ibtissam Abdel Rahman Attallah
52. Nirmeen Ra'ed Ali Abu Saif (12)
53. Ahmad Abdel Rahman Saleh
54. Mohammad Abdel Qader Aqilan
55. Muhannad Omar Al-Anshasi
56. Bilal Al-Jammal
57. Raa'fat Abdel Aziz Hamad
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Identical letters dated 11 March 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am compelled to draw your attention to the fact that Israel, the occupying Power, continues to construct and expand settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in and around East Jerusalem, further entrenching its illegal colonization and occupation of the Territory in grave breach of international law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Israel's pursuit of such illegal settlement activities is in direct contravention of its obligations under the road map, which was endorsed by the Security Council in resolution 1515 (2003) to freeze all settlement activity, and presents yet another threat to the fragile peace process, which continues to suffer blow after blow as a result, inter alia, of such systematic violations.

In this regard, immediately after the resumption of the peace process with the convening of the Annapolis Conference in late November, Israel announced continuation of settlement construction in Occupied East Jerusalem at Jabal Abu Ghneim ("Har Homa"). This announcement damaged the renewed peace process, raising serious doubts regarding Israel's good faith in negotiations as it continues pursuing such illegal, destructive actions and creating more physical obstructions with which to contend on the road to achieving a just and lasting peace settlement.

Despite the international rejection of these actions and the impact on the peace process, Israel has now announced Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's approval of the construction of 750 new units in the "Givat Ze'ev" settlement north of East Jerusalem. Plans for 400 new settlement units in the Nabi Ya'coub neighbourhood in East Jerusalem were also recently declared. These announcements come just a few days before the planned meeting of the trilateral committee, headed by United States Lt. General William Fraser, to discuss practical measures for implementing road map obligations, including the complete cessation of settlement activities. At the same time, armed, militant Israeli settlers continue to commit acts of violence and to

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harass and terrorize Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The situation is particularly acute in the city of Al-Khalil (Hebron), where tensions remain high and the Palestinian civilian population lives under constant anxiety and fear due to such violent and inflammatory actions by fanatical settlers.

All of these colonization activities are illegal. Article 49 (6) of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, stipulates that "the Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies". Furthermore, when committed wilfully and in violation of the Conventions or the Protocol, such acts are regarded as grave breaches under article 85 (4) (a) of Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I).

Regrettably, despite the law; despite multiple United Nations resolutions calling upon Israel to immediately cease all settlement activities; despite the determination by the International Court of Justice, in its advisory opinion of 9 July 2004, that Israel's settlement activities constitute breaches of international law; and despite the total contradiction to the existence of the peace process, Israel has never ceased its illegal colonial settlement activities. land confiscations, settlement construction and expansion, construction of Israeli-only bypass roads and establishment of settlement outposts, as well as the construction of the wall, continue unabated in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in East Jerusalem, fragmenting the Territory and undermining its contiguity, integrity and unity.

Israel's colonization activities are also extremely provocative. Such illegal actions undermine the peace process, poisoning the atmosphere between the two sides, sapping whatever momentum has been generated and diverting energies, and negatively taint the process, calling into question Israel's credibility in negotiations. Indeed, the illegal settlement campaign and the peace process clearly cannot coexist, for these actions threaten the peace process as a whole, as they physically undermine the future prospects for achieving the two-State solution of Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security on the basis of the 1967 borders.

All of this is being committed by the occupying Power simultaneously with its ongoing military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, its intense siege of the Gaza Strip, its many measures of collective punishment against the civilian population and countless other violations it is committing against the Palestinian people under its occupation. The pressure and harm inflicted on both the Palestinian people and the peace process as a result cannot be underestimated.

In the light of these developments, it is incumbent upon the international community, particularly the Security Council, to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease all illegal settlement activities and to abide scrupulously by all of its obligations under international law. Israel should also be called upon to rescind its recent decisions and urged to take confidence-building measures to indicate its seriousness in addressing this critical issue. Such steps are vital for calming and improving the atmosphere, reviving momentum and helping to advance the peace process towards its stated goals.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 311 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

since 28 September 2000. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 March 2008 (A/ES-10/415-S/2008/150), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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